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Police.

Punishments in the Police department in the Bellary district.

440 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the percentage of punishments in the Police department in the Bellary district in the year 1922 was the highest in the Presidency—(77·2 per cent against 37·8)—more than double the percentage for the previous year;

(b) whether this was due to the undue severity of the present Superintendent of Police;

(c) whether it is a fact that the increments in the case of 14 out of 45 Sub-Inspectors of Police in the district have been stopped by the present Superintendent and, if so, for what reason;

(d) how many transfers of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors the present Superintendent has recommended or effected in the Bellary district in the course of the year 1923 and at what expense to the Government and on what grounds;

(e) whether he will call for statistics of such cases and satisfy himself whether they were strictly on public grounds; and

(f) what the percentage of punishments in the department is in the year 1923?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to paragraph 3 of the Administration report of the Inspector-General of Police and the statements appended thereto.

(b) The Government have no reason to believe that the police administration of the Bellary district has been unduly severe.

(c), (d) & (f) The Government have no information.

(e) The Government do not propose to take any such action.

Mr. P. SIVA RAO:—“With reference to the answer to clauses (c), (d) and (f), will the Government be pleased to call for the information?”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“Yes.”

Mr. P. SIVA RAO:—“Do the Government really believe that this very high percentage of punishments is really necessary for the maintenance of discipline in the district of Bellary? Have they satisfied themselves that it is so necessary?”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“I do not think I can be said to have convinced myself, because until the question was put by the hon. Member, I did not scrutinize the allegations. They will be scrutinized.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—“With reference to clause (b) of the answer, I request the hon. the Law Member to say how far the administration is severe. It is said in the answer that the administration is not unduly severe, and it means they admit that it is severe.”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“I am afraid I cannot go into the question of adjectives just now.”

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(b) whether the Malabar Adi-Dravida Jana Sabha sent representations to the hon. Minister to appoint a special Inspector for organizing and supervising Co-operative Credit Societies and Stores for the depressed classes ; if so, what steps were taken in the matter ?

A.—(a) The Government have no information but will call for it.
(b) No such representation has been received.

Non-gazetted services.

Allowances granted to non-gazetted subordinate servants in the Wynad taluk.

435 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government were granting from 1885 an allowance equal to 50 per cent of pay subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 to all non-gazetted subordinate servants employed in the Wynad taluk of the district of Malabar ;

(b) whether the Government have discontinued this allowance entirely in the case of subordinates who are natives of, or domiciled in, Wynad and reduced it considerably in cases of other subordinates, with effect from 1st September 1923 ;

(c) whether the Government have received any memorial on the subject from the subordinate officers concerned ;

(d) whether, having regard to the unhealthiness of the locality, the high cost of living, want of facilities for educating children and the necessity for warm clothing, the Government will be pleased to restore the 50 per cent allowance ; and

(e) whether the Revenue Divisional Officer and the District Forest Officer of Wynad who are gazetted officers are even now allowed to draw monthly allowances of Rs. 150 and 100 respectively ?

A.—(a) An allowance of 50 per cent of pay subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 per mensem was granted in some cases ; in others a lower rate was adopted.

(b) The allowance has been discontinued in the case of officers and subordinates who are natives of or domiciled in the Wynad. With effect from 1st September 1923 a revised scale of allowances applicable to the Wynad and other unhealthy localities has been introduced on the recommendation of the Retrenchment Committee. The effect of this has been to increase the payment in some cases, to reduce it in others.

(c) Certain subordinate officers in the Registration Department have submitted memorials.

(d) No. The Government consider the scale of allowances adequate.
(e) Orders are under issue revising these allowances.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“ May I ask the hon. the Home Member with reference to the answer to clause (d) of this question, whether the Government consider the scale of allowances adequate after any inquiry made after the question was received, or whether it is a mere expression of opinion of the Government after the memorial of the persons concerned ? ”